



## SACP on Education

The attached document contains extracts from the South Africa Road to Socialism (“SARS”), adopted at the 13<sup>th</sup> National Congress held in Ongoye, KZN, in July, 2012.

SARS says, among other things:

*“Education is a major terrain for the battle of ideas. It can be used to empower the working class and popular strata, but it can [be] and typically is used to perpetuate the ideologies of oppressive ruling classes.*

*“... The SACP must wage a struggle for curriculum transformation aimed at empowering the working class and the majority of our people to play a meaningful role in the transformation of society.*

*“... In waging the struggle for access to education it is important that that struggle is coupled with the struggle for the teaching of progressive ideas throughout our education system.”*

The document also includes an extract from a media release of the SACP in February, 2013 during a public controversy started by the government over the naming of teaching as an “essential service”, a term which has implications for teachers’ rights in labour law.

In the course of that quotation the SACP comes out clearly in favour of education for liberation, and for People’s Education for People’s Power.

The SACP is therefore on record as being ready for a struggle over the nature of education in our society.

In addition, in the document, there are words describing the intended Political Education regime inside the SACP.

- The above is to introduce the original reading-texts: [SACP, SARS on Education and on Political Education, 2012](#).
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